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Honorable Robert E. Andrews
Member, House of Representatives
16 Somerdale Square
Somerdale, NJ 08083

Dear Congressman Andrews:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Your letter to Mrs. Linda Townsend Solheim, Director of Legislative Affairs, has been referred to me for reply. Your constituent, Ms. Jean Priestley, states her support for retaining spectrum allocated to the amateur service.

There are no proceedings before the Commission considering reallocation of spectrum from the amateur service. There is a proceeding, however, RM-7747, initiated in response to a petition from the American Radio Relay League, which is considering allocation of new spectrum to the amateur service in the 216-220 MHz band on a secondary basis. We will include Ms. Priestley's letter as a comment in that proceeding.

We recognize that amateurs have a long history of dedicated public service and a proven record of providing assistance in all types of emergencies, including national and international disasters. We also recognize that the amateur service provides a corps of persons knowledgeable in radio science who have significantly contributed to the advancement of radio technology. The Commission is committed to ensuring that the amateur service is allocated adequate spectrum to perform its services.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Stanley

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Chief Engineer

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October 1, 1991

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim
Director, Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 808
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Ms. Solheim:


I am writing to you on behalf of Ms. Jean Priestley, who has contacted my office for assistance.

I would appreciate it if you would share your response to Ms. Priestley, with me.

Please send your reply to my District Office, 16 Somerdale Square, Somerdale, NJ 08083 (609/627-9000), to the attention of my assistant, Susanna M. Moran.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


ROBERT E. ANDREWS
Member of Congress

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July 3, 1991

Hon. Robt. Andrews
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Ref: H.R. 73

Dear Sir:

There are many reasons why people become hams and there are many wonderful aspects of ham radio. Among those aspect of ham radio are many things that directly help other people. Public service, handi-ham program, hobby for the disabled, window to the world for shut-ins and a wonderful tool for children to learn to love learning. For the sightless it adds a new dimension to their lives. It is important for the non-ham, as well, to understand or even see first hand for himself, the many fine attributes of the hobby. No one is turned down for membership. But the hard work and sacrifice earn hams their right to operate on the air. The hard work doesn't stop after the last test is passed either. Amateur radio is a total life-long learning experience.

In the wee hours of many a weekend morning groups of hams can be found waiting to receive an assignment. These are assignments for a public service function such as a walk or bicycle ride for charity. Operators sit for hours just waiting and watching i case a problem arises. This requires a great deal of self disipline. Without a complaint they watch over adults, children, large and small groups in cold damp weather or blazing sun. No unions are necessary to negotiate hourly rates because the only payback is the intrinsic

Amateur radio operators are a special breed. Amateur radio is breeding ground for an abundance of electronical and electrical engineers to spawn. We have special skills, training and talents and thousands have a special love and dedication toward helping people. Yes, we do invest a lot of time, expense and energy in to our equipment. Much of that equipment is to help other people. I believe that our many years of dedicated service warrant us the right to keep the spectrum space that we presently have. For those who would take it away from us for their own profit, I would simply remind them that there is a lot of expense and time in relocating. There is a lot of spectrum space available elsewhere. Perhaps it could be a loved one or friend of theirs that we would be out there protecting and helping.

It seems illogical to have us uproot when there is so much unused spectrum in the television area and many other areas of the spectrum. Please help us retain our little bit